

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Agricultural Marketing Department - Departmental Proceeding against Sri K. Srikanth, Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram, Srikakulam District under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991- Article of Charges - Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (VIG-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No:713

Dated:09.11.2021

Read the following:-

1. Govt.Memo No.AGC01-MKTGOAMET/44/2020-MKTG-II, dated: 20-04-2020.
2. From the C&DoAM, A.P., Guntur, e-file No.AGC05-15039/65/2019-ESTABLSH-MRKTII (Computer No: 1000825), dated:23-10-2020.
3. Govt.Memo No.AGC01-MKTGOAMET/7/2021-MKTG-II, dated: 22-04-2021.
4. From Sri K. Srikanth, Deputy Director of Marketing, AMC, Guntur, explanation dated:14-06-2021.
5. From the C&DoAM, A.P., Guntur, e-file No.AGC05-16021/28/2021-DISCIPLR SEC-MRKT(Computer No: 1438089), dated:12-10-2021.

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri K. Srikanth, Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram, Srikakulam District in accordance with the procedure laid down under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statements of article of charges (Annexure - I & II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed(Annexure -III & IV).

3. Sri K. Srikanth, Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram is directed to submit written statement of defence within 15 days from the receipt of this order.

4. Sri K. Srikanth, Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram is further informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charges that are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny the article of charges.

5. Sri K. Srikanth, Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in Para 3 above, further action will be proceeded based on the material available.

6. Sri K. Srikanth, Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram is informed that Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 stipulates that

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under which no circumstances, Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri K. Srikanth, Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram is aware of such representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7 The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(IN ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y MADHUSUDHANA REDDY, IFS,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri K. Srikanth, Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram, Srikakulam District.
(Through : The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur)

Copy to:-

The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur (with a request to serve the order on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government)

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K. Sampath Kumar
SECTION OFFICER

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[Annexure to G.O.Rt.No.713, A&C(Vig.II) Dept., Dt:09.11.2021]

ANNEXURE - I**STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. SRIKANTH, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARKETING ON OD AS SELECTION GRADE SECRETARY, AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, ITCHAPURAM, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT****Article of Charge-1:**

"That Sri K. Srikanth, Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram, Srikakulam District has willfully disobeyed the orders of the higher authority in reporting to duty at Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram and questioned the administrative measures taken by Government without reporting / joining into duty and the letter addressed by him smacks of utter disregard and contempt for the higher authorities and their administrative action and thus he has violated conduct rules.

Thus, it shows his negligence towards his official duties, arrogance and lack of devotion to duty and thus violated the Rule 3 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

Article of Charge-2:

"That Sri K. Srikanth, Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram, Srikakulam District has committed unauthorized absence from his official duties from 08.05.2020 to till date without represent any leave or permission from higher authorities i.e. the Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P. Guntur, as well as the Government.

Thus, it shows his negligence towards his official duties, lack of devotion to duty and violated the Rule 3 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 and Andhra Pradesh Leave Rules, 1933".

ANNEXURE-II**STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. SRIKANTH, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARKETING ON OD AS SELECTION GRADE SECRETARY, AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, ITCHAPURAM, SRIKAKUALM DISTRICT.****Imputations of Charges-1 &2:**

The District Collector, SPSR Nellore District has surrendered the services of Sri K.Srikanth, Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Kovur, Nellore District vide Progs. No.SPL.CCO/01/2020, dated:15.02.2020 on the allegation of negligence, uncooperative and inexcusable behavior while reviewing the collection of Market Fee and delay of electrification work at Agricultural Market Committee, Kavali for opening of Rythu Bharosa Kendram.

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As directed by the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P. Guntur, Sri K. Srikanth has reported to duty at Head Office on 20-02-2020 F.N. In this regard, the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., has requested the Government to post Sri K. Srikanth, Deputy Director of Marketing at Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram on administrative grounds. Accordingly, Government have posted Sri K. Srikanth, Deputy Director of Marketing to work on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram, Srikakulam District in the existing vacancy vide Govt.MemoNo.AGC01-MKTGOAMET/44/2020-MKTG-II, dated:20-04-2020. But, the individual has not joined in the Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram. The individual vide his representation dated:15-10-2020 has requested to consider his service as Deputy Director of Marketing only in the regular vacancy in his native post.

Due to non-joining at AMC, Itchapuram as Selection Grade Secretary on OD, Government have issued a Show Cause Notice dated:22-04-2021 to the individual directing him to show cause as to "Why Government should not be initiated action for disobeying the Government orders in reporting to duty as Selection Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram as one year period has already completed, but he has neither reported to duty nor applied for any leave till to date and requested for payment of salary since February, 2020 without attending the official duties".

In response to the Show Cause Notice, Sri K. Srikanth, Deputy Director of Marketing has submitted his explanation dated:14-06-2021 stating that, he has been allotted to the State of Andhra Pradesh under State Division as Deputy Director of Marketing and he is consistent to his service as a Deputy Director of Marketing only, to the post for which he was covered under Presidential Order, State Subordinate Service Rules, 1996 together with Marketing Service Rules with his introductory appointment as Senior Assistant into the Head Office service and stay in and for, within his promotion channel as AO, ADM and DDM thus made there for, in the O/o Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P. only.

On the above, the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, AP has stated that, in view of the above explanation submitted by the individual, the individual has not even willing to report to duty at Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram as Selection Grade Secretary on OD and he is even not applied any kind of leave since February, 2020 and again arguing about his Government service and posting as Selection Grade Secretary duties at Agricultural Market Committee's.

Thus, Sri K. Srikanth, Deputy Director of Marketing has willfully disobeyed the orders of the higher authorities as well as the Government in reporting to duty at Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram as Selection Grade Secretary on OD and unauthorized absence from official duties from 08-05-2020 to till date.

Thus, he has failed to maintain absolute integrity devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of the public servant and contravened Rule 3 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 and violated the Andhra Pradesh Leave Rules, 1933, rendered himself for disciplinary action. Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III**LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. SRIKANTH, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARKETING ON OD AS SELECTION GRADE SECRETARY, AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, ITCHAPURAM, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT**

1. Rc. No. Spl.CCO/01/2020, dated:15.02.2020 of the District Collector, SPSR Nellore District.
2. Proceedings No. 15039/65/2019, dated:19.02.2020 of the C&DoAM, A.P., Guntur.
3. Govt. Memo No. AGC01-MKTGOAMET/44/2020-MKTG-II, dated:20.04.2020 of Agriculture & Cooperation (Vig.II) Department with Endt. No. AGC05-15039/65/2019-, dated:05.05.2020 of the C&DoAM, A.P., Guntur
4. Memo No. AGC05-15039/65/2019, dated:01.09.2020 of the C&DoAM, AP, Guntur.
5. Govt. Memo No. AGC01-MKTGOAMET/7/2020-MKTG-II, dated:22.04.2021 of Agriculture & Cooperation (Vig.II) Department with Endt. No. AGC05-15039/65/2019, dated:28.05.2021 of the C&DoAM, AP, Guntur.

ANNEXURE-IV**LIST OF WITNESS BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. SRIKANTH, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARKETING ON OD AS SELECTION GRADE SECRETARY, AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, ITCHAPURAM, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT.**

1. Assistant Director of Marketing, Nellore.
2. Sri M.C.V.L. Phani Rao, ADM, Establishment Section, Head Office.

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